

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following section heading and paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, before "Field of the Invention":

-- **Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application claims priority to and all the benefits of United States Provisional Application No. 60/401,682, filed on August 6, 2002.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- When the door 23 is closed, the dome light switch is opened and responsively ~~energizing~~ energizes the motor 30 in a sense opposite the opening sense. The motor 30 moves the linkage ~~35~~ 34 to move the step 20 from the deployed position to the stowed position. In the stowed position, the step 20 has a rocker panel like appearance and will merge with adjacent vehicle body panels to appear as the rocker panel and conceal the step surface.--